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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This is our 25th weekly issue since we began on August 28, 2000. With issue # 11 we changed to Thursdays from Mondays. In between there has been two extra issues published as well. 'Stamps Of India Collectors Companion' has been evolving as we go along, so please tell us what additional features you would like incorporated in this email newsletter. Do post your comments to webmaster@stampsfindia.net

We are still working on the 'List of Postal Stationery Issued During 2000', however issues of 2001 are now listed online. Click on the following link
<http://64.37.110.48/Content/Issues/Stationery/a202.htm>

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Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTER VISITS BHUJ

Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications visited quake-ravaged Gujarat on February 2, 2001. The minister ordered free postcards to be made available in the quantity desired to all victims of the quake. The postcards are to be written and returned to the post office and are not available for taking away.

A K Bhatnagar, Deputy Director General (postal operations) India Post HQ was on an official visit to Gujarat at the time of earthquake. He was asked to extend his stay and mobilize and supervise the relief efforts. He coordinated relief teams of officers from other postal circles and parts of Gujarat. India Post HQ rushed a team of 3 doctors immediately. A K Kaushal, Director (welfare) India Post HQ was deputed from January 30 to February 4, 2001 to visit the entire quake affected area. Aparna Mohile, Member (development) of Postal Services Board and Meera Dutta, Deputy Director General (postal operations) along with engineers from the Engineering Wing of India Post HQ left for Gujarat on February 7, 2001. Tapan Sikadar, Minister of State for Communications, S C Dutta, Member (personnel) of Postal Services Board, and B N Som, Director General of India Post are scheduled to visit Gujarat soon.

On January 30, 2001 the Gujarat postal circle established the Disaster Relief Fund. A number of postal employees have contributed their one-day salary to this fund.

The post office buildings at Surendranagar, Thangad, Halvad, Rampura, Wadhwan City, Chuda, Maliya, Samadhiyala, Vondh, Bhachau, Chirai, Gandhidham, Ratanal, Kukuma, Bhuj, Adipur and Rajaputpura are either totally or extensively damaged. In several of these places the post office are now operating either in a tent outside or shifted to another building.

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NEW ISSUE UPDATE

The stamp to mark the launch of the decennial Census of India 2001 in the denomination of Rs. 3 shall now be issued on February 9, 2001.

A set of 4 stamps on International Fleet Review 2001 will be issued on February 18, 2001. Three stamps are in the denomination of Rs. 3 and one in the denomination of Rs. 15.

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NEW STAMP RELEASED

A stamp to mark the centenary of the Western Railway HQ Building at Churchgate, Mumbai in the denomination of Rs. 15, the overseas airmail letter rate, was issued on February 6, 2001. Ratan Batra Private Limited designed the stamp, First day Cover priced at Rs. 2 is based on the photograph furnished by the Ministry of Railways, and the pictorial first day postmark was designed by Alka Sharma. An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 1.50, was also brought

out. India Security Press of Nashik printed the stamps by photogravure in multicolor on imported unwatermarked adhesive gravure coated stamp paper in the quantity of 700,000 each. The issued sheet contains 35 stamps.

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NEW POSTAL CIRCLES

With effect from January 12, 2001 three new postal circles were formed consequent to formation of three new states – Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, and Uttranchal, in November 2000.

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MORE GREETING CARDS

The fourth batch of greeting cards with pre-stamped envelopes will contain 18 all purpose cards. The tentative date of release is February 15, 2001. The students of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad prepared the designs.

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RAJ KUMAR SHUKLA COMMEMORATIVE

Some of the philatelic bureaus did not supply the Raj Kumar Shukla commemorative stamp issued on October 16, 2000 to their standing order deposit account holders. It is now decided to supply the issue to all such accounts. All bureaus have been asked to provide a list of such account holders and their standing order to India Post HQ.

If you had an active account as on October 16, 2000 and were not supplied this issue, please get in touch with your philatelic bureau for the supply now. Additionally, you may also write to Madhu Narayanan, Deputy Director General (philately), Dak Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110 001. Please provide your name, address, account details, name of the bureau, and the standing order as on October 16, 2000.

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OVERNITE US SMART SEVA

United States Postal Service has tied up with Overnite Express Limited, an Indian courier company, to launch 'Overnite US Smart Service' on February 2, 2001. A 250-gram document to USA will cost Rs. 500 under this service. This is much cheaper than other couriers and slightly higher than India Post's Speed Post that charges Rs. 425 for similar weight documents. Robert J Edward, Director, Global Business Development, USPS was in New Delhi for the launch. USPS is targeting to increase its share in international market from present 2% to 15%.

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FIRE AT D D SHUKLA'S RESIDENCE

Our stamp dealer friend, D D Shukla of Kanpur lost his wife in a fire accident at his residence on February 2, 2001. He himself was also badly burned but is now out of

danger. Our heartfelt condolences and best wishes for his speedy recovery. His address is 303 H, Barra Vishwa Bank Colony, Kanpur 208027.

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THE ISSUES OF JANUARY 25 & 27

A set of four stamps on 'Personalities: Socio-Political Development' was scheduled for release on January 25, 2001. For some reason the set was split in two issues released on January 25 and 27. On January 25 only one stamp from the set was issued. The accompanying Informative brochure carried the description of all the four stamps. The FDC prepared for the series was also issued. The remaining three stamps were issued on January 27 with same FDC and Informative brochure. Understandably this has caused confusion among the stamp collectors.

HONG KONG 2001 AWARDS

We have not been able to obtain the complete list of awards for Indian participants despite our best efforts. However we have been informed of a Gold medal to Anil Suri for Fiscals of Cochin and Rajan Jayakar for Fiscals of British India 1800-1900. Latter also received a Large Vermeil for Fiscals of British India 1901-1947. Congratulations.

ALSO IN THE NEWS

A RECORD 16,107 NEW STAMPS WERE ISSUED IN 1999

Read the full story in Linn's Stamp News, February 5, 2001

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NEWSPAPER SCAN

The Hindustan Times, February 4, 2001

LOOKING FOR LOST ADDRESSES IN BHUJ by Amit Sengupta

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/nonfram/040201/detFRO05.asp>

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RESEARCH NOTES

Manohar Lal has spent eight years, full time, at National Archives of India and other institutions researching postal history matters since his retirement as Chief Engineer of Northern Railways. He has published two books and several articles. He won Gold with Felicitations of the Jury for his exhibit Postal History of Indian Army 1914-1922 at London in 1990 as well as for his exhibit Postal stationery of India 1855-1947 at New Delhi in 1997.

We have been fortunate to enlist him as a regular contributor to this segment of the newsletter and are confident our readers will benefit with the first time publication of the results of his painstaking research. At present he is not available on telephone or email. We shall be happy to pass on your comments and queries to him. His postal address is 9-B/6654 Dev Nagar, Gali # 6, New Delhi 110005

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 to 24.

POSTAL HISTORY OF PAKISTAN – Part 8

NEW INTER-DOMINION AIR SERVICES

March 13, 1949: Pak Air is operating a daily air service between Lahore and Delhi, but in order to offer further facilities for the movement of passengers and freight between the two Dominions they have now decided to put on special services. These will be called "Dominion Special" and will operate from March 15, 1949 on Tuesdays, Thursdays each week.

On account of lack of railway facilities, this service will be welcomed....

15th March 1949 marks the beginning of India's own Airlink with Far East – Calcutta to Tokyo via Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong and Shanghai. – A Fortnightly service. Bharat Airways Ltd.

PAK AIR DOMINION SPECIAL

with effect from March 15, 1949 between Lahore and Delhi.

Departure – Lahore – 11:30

Arrival – Delhi – 13:20

Departure – Delhi – 14:20

Arrival – Lahore – 16:10

CALCUTTA – KARACHI AIR LINK

INDIAN NATIONAL AIRWAYS TO FLY VIA DELHI AND JODHPUR

March 14, 1949, New Delhi: Indian National Airways on March 15 will start a daily service from Calcutta to Karachi via Delhi and Jodhpur in both directions. This service will leave Calcutta at 9:30 am in the morning arriving in Delhi at 2 pm. After a stop of one hour the service will leave for Jodhpur arriving there at 4:35 pm. It will leave Jodhpur at 5 pm and arrive in Karachi at 7:05 pm. The service from Karachi will leave at 7 am and arrive in Jodhpur at 9:05 am. It will leave Jodhpur at 9:35 am and arrive in Delhi at 11:10 am leaving Delhi at 12:30 pm; the service will arrive in Calcutta at 16:45 pm.

BHARAT AIRWAYS SUCCESSFUL SURVEY FLIGHT TO SHANGHAI

March 14, 1949, Calcutta: Mr. T P Bhalla, DG of Civil Aviation, Dr. M B Sarwate, Director of Communications and Mr. M Mathur, Chief Engineer PWD who were among the passenger on board the Bharat Airways' Skymaster which left Calcutta on March 1 for Shanghai via Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong on the first flight, returned here on March 8, after having supervised preliminary arrangement at the terminal and intermediate status. The flight was described as a great success.

Bharat Airways will begin its fortnightly Far East service between Calcutta – Shanghai via Bangkok, Saigon and Hong Kong from March 15 and the flight will be completed in about 15 hours. There is every likelihood of the Calcutta – Shanghai route being shortly extended as far as Tokyo.

NEW POSTAL RATES NOW OPERATIVE IN INDIA

INTERIM INDO – PAKISTAN SCHEME FOR AIR LETTERS

April 1, 1949, New Delhi: India's existing postal rates, which are also applicable to Pakistan under agreement terminated at midnight last night.

While the new ordinary postcard costing nine pies and a letter costing two annas which has come into force from today will also hold good for Pakistan's airmail letters to Pakistan with a surcharge will now cost three and a half annas instead of three annas.

This agreement with Pakistan will, however, last for one month during which time the Postal authorities of the two Dominions will enter into a new agreement regarding the new postal rates becoming applicable to Pakistan.

AIR MAIL FREIGHT CHARGES IN INDIA

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY TO REDUCE RATES

April 6, 1949, New Delhi: The Ministry of Communication, Government of India is constituting a special inquiry with a view to reducing the mail freight charges of air companies.

At present the companies charges according to contract, a round sum of one rupee and eight annas per pound irrespective of distance. The future rates will be based on

mileage and the Ministry hopes to make a considerable saving despite the much larger payment it will have to make to the various air companies. A number of licenses for daily service are being issued to air companies which are prepared to run new sectional routes. The new lines are expected to be distributed among the present companies and since all of them are promised air mail freight in addition to passenger traffic, there is little fear of their incurring any loss.

PAK AIR LTD. REVISED TIME TABLE

With effect from April 15, 1949

Daily:

Karachi Departure 6.30 – Delhi Arrival 10.40, Departure 11.40 – Lahore Arrival 13.30

Lahore Departure 14.10 – Delhi Arrival 16.00, Departure 17.00 – Arrival Karachi 21.10

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:

Karachi Departure 6.00 – Lahore Arrival 10.00, Departure 11.00 – Delhi Arrival 12.50

Delhi Departure 13.50 - Lahore Arrival 15.40, Departure 16.20 – Karachi Arrival 20.20

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Karachi Departure 6.00 - Lahore Arrival 10.00, Departure 10.40 – Rawalpindi Arrival

11.40, Departure 12.00 – Peshawar Arrival 12.50

Peshawar Departure 13.30 – Rawalpindi Arrival 14.20, Departure 14.40 – Lahore

Arrival 15.40,

Departure 16.20 – Karachi Arrival 20.20

To be continued in the next issue.

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<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Stamps/a201-2000.htm>

February 6: Western Railway, Rs. 15

Next Issue:

February 9, 2001: Census of India 2001

#### POSTAL STATIONERY

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Stationery/a202.htm>

January 15, 2001 – Available on February 6, 2001

Post Card with Advertisement

- Census 2001, Mirror of the Nation, in Hindi, SPP

- Census 2001, Group Photograph of the Nation, in Hindi, SPP

#### POSTMARKS

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Postmarks/a203.htm>

ARMY POSTAL SERVICE – SPECIAL COVER & POSTMARK

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February 15: 12<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Corps of Signals

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DISTRICT LEVEL AT KANPUR

India Post is organizing a district level philatelic exhibition at the Philatelic Bureau, Kanpur on February 17 and 18, 2001. Arun Kumar Agarwal and Gopal Mehrotra shall be the members of the Jury.

COINEX 2001

Indraprastha Numismatic & Philatelic Association is organizing an exhibition of coins, bank notes, and stamps on February 17 and 18, 2001 at Shree Lakshmi Mahavidyalaya, Faiz Road Chowk, Near Bus Terminal, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

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The ISCA will hold its next meeting on February 12 at the office of Rajesh Agarwala, Capital Stamp Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chanana Complex, 2215 Hardhian Singh Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005, at 3 pm. All are welcome.

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## READERS FORUM

Dr. Ritvik, New Delhi

The postal department has again been mischievous. They issued one of the 4 personalities' stamps on 25 Jan and the rest were issued on 27 Jan. Now I can't have a postally used F.D.C. All the letters I wrote to Deputy Director General Philately have been unanswered but I won't give up that easily.

S D Bhtaiya, New Delhi

I would like to point out the sorry state of affairs of New Delhi philatelic bureau. One stamp and FDC was issued on 25<sup>th</sup> and three other stamps and FDC were issued on 27<sup>th</sup>. Even though the folder depicts all the four issues together. Not only that on 27<sup>th</sup> it was announced that the 3 stamps would be released in the morning. When we went there we were told these stamps would be issued at 4 pm. The higher authorities may kindly take notice of this.

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THANK YOU.

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